



ALP Alternative Livelihoods Program

Afghanistan Agribusiness Investor's Conference

When: **Saturday, May 7, 2005**
Morning session: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Afternoon session: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8, 2005
Morning private consultations – by appointment
Afternoon private consultations – by appointment

Where: **Courtyard Marriott**
34905 Newark Blvd
Newark, California 94560-1215
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Who should attend the conference?

This notice is an invitation for potential **Afghan-American investors** interested in cost sharing arrangements for agribusiness development in Helmand and Kandahar provinces.

Presentations:

Mr. Naseem Akbar, Afghan Investor Support Agency, Kabul
Ms. Zulaikha Aziz, Chemonics International projects in Afghanistan
Mr. David Guier, ALP/South contract – limits and opportunities
Dr. Thomas Fattori, Commodity-based integrated program

Host: **Chemonics International Inc.**, an international development consulting company based in Washington, DC has played a key role in rehabilitating the Afghan rural sector. Chemonics has implemented many USAID funded activities including the successful Afghanistan Quick Impact Project, and is currently implementing the Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Program, the Afghanistan Famine Early Warning System Network, and the Alternative Income Project, and the newly awarded Alternative Livelihoods Program.

In February 2005, Chemonics began the 48 month Alternative Livelihoods Program (ALP/South) based in Helmand and Kandahar provinces. The objective of this project is to strengthen these provincial economies by providing alternative sources of income to citizens and to promote rapid reconstruction. Activities implemented by this program will help expand and improve access to economic infrastructure, increase agriculture productivity, provide business support services, technology and marketing resources, facilitate credit and investment, and improve economic policy and private sector growth.

Sponsor: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Afghanistan Alternative Livelihoods Program/South
Kabul, Afghanistan
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Subject:

ALP/South is seeking partners interested in **investing in processing opportunities** in Helmand and Kandahar provinces. Although our primary mandate is to encourage investments in food production and processing, any viable business activity that supports broad income-generation will be considered. For example, businesses that support the food industry, such as cold storage, farm equipment services, production of packaging materials, specialized transportation, and farm inputs supplies are viable options.

ALP/South will issue a public tender in Afghanistan on May 5, 2005, “**Request for Expression of Interest**” for an edible oil processing project and/or a fruit and vegetable processing projects in Helmand and Kandahar. Copies of the tender announcement will be made available to participants at the conference or can be received by email by sending a request to edibleoil@chemonics.com and/or fruit&veg@chemonics.com

What is an “Investment Partnership?”

The ALP/South team has designed an “**Investment Partnership**” activity that provides incentives to serious investors in order to establish viable agribusinesses in Kandahar and Helmand. For example, in partnership with an investor – and supportive of the investor’s plan, ALP/South will cover the costs of facility construction, up to a predetermined ceiling per project, and the investor will cover the costs of facility equipment and working capital. ALP/South will also cover the costs of technical assistance activities, up to a predetermined ceiling per project, that are required to ensure sustainable growth of the business. The technical assistance package could include for example, training programs and extension services that would ensure production of primary raw materials required for food processing. Specific technical assistance needs will be negotiated with each investment partner and formalized in a memorandum of understanding.

Registration process for participants:

- Email your contact information, brief corporate information, and technical area of interest to: ALPconference@chemonics.com
- Chemonics will register 50 participants for the Saturday morning session and another 50 participants for the Saturday afternoon session.
- Potential investors requiring more information can schedule private consultations (30 minutes) for Sunday morning or afternoon.